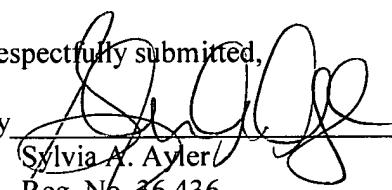


REMARKS

Claims 4, 25 and 26 are pending in this application. Claim 25 has been allowed.

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Uchida et al. The Examiner states that Applicants insertion of the phrase "wherein when the carbon atom in -C0-6 alkyl equals "0" then no alkyl is present" in claim 26 allows for R2 and R3 to be hydrogen which is anticipated by Uchida et al. Claim 26 has been herein amend to recite that R2 and R3 can only be C1-6 alkyl. No new matter has been added. Support for this amendment is found in the specification as evidenced by the 371 examples.

As a result of the amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the examiners concerns have been met and overcome. The examiner is therefore respectively requested to remove the objections and rejections. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below, if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

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